

**18464 to 18467. ASPARAGUS spp.****Asparagus.**

From Palermo, Sicily. Presented by Prof. Dr. A. Borzi, of the Royal Botanical Gardens. Received May 2, 1906.

Asparagus roots and seeds, as follows:

**18464.** ASPARAGUS ACUTIFOLIUS.

(Roots.)

**18466.** ASPARAGUS MEDEOLOIDES.

(Seeds.)

**18465.** ASPARAGUS ACUTIFOLIUS.

(Seeds.)

**18467.** ASPARAGUS MEDEOLOIDES.

(Roots.)

**18468. CITRUS TOROSA.**

From Manila, P. I. Presented by Mr. William S. Lyon, horticulturist, Bureau of Agriculture. Received May 2, 1906.

**18469. LEVISTICUM OFFICINALE.****Lovage.**

From Holland, Mich. Received through Mr. William Kremers, May 3, 1906.

Plants advertised by the Greening Nursery Company, of Monroe, Mich., as the "Silver King Hardy Celery." Obtained for determination.

**18470. MEDICAGO MEDIA.****Sand lucern.**

From Milwaukee, Wis. Received through the Wernich Seed Company, May 3, 1906.

**18471. HUMULUS LUPULUS.****Hop.**

From Stevens Point, Wis. Received through Mr. A. N. Mueller, April 28, 1906.  
*Bohemian.*

**18472 and 18473. VIGNA UNGUICULATA.****Cowpea.**

From Augusta, Ga. Received through the N. L. Willet Seed Company, May 4, 1906.

**18472.** *Black-eye.*

**18473.** *Unknown.*

**18474. HARPEPHYLLUM CAFFRUM.****Kafir plum.**

From Cape Town, South Africa. Presented by Mr. C. P. Lounsbury, of the Department of Agriculture. Received May 10, 1906.

Seed collected in the Eastern Province of Cape Colony. (For description see No. 9616.)

**18475. ABROMA AUGUSTA.****Anabó.**

From Manila, P. I. Presented by Mr. W. S. Lyon, horticulturist, Bureau of Agriculture. Received May 11, 1906.

"A perennial shrub producing the Anabó bast fiber." (*Lyon.*)

**18476. SAPINDUS UTILIS.****Soapberry.**

From Algiers, Algeria. Received through Mr. James Johnston, United States consul, April 30, 1906.

"A native of South China, cultivated in Algeria, where it comes into bearing in eight or ten years. The tree prefers dry, rocky soil, and has been known to yield \$10 to \$20 worth of berries every year. These contain 38 per cent saponin, an alkaline principle which makes them useful for cleaning purposes. In eastern countries the fruit was much used before the introduction of soap and is still preferred for washing the hair and cleansing delicate fabrics like silk." (*Barclay.*)